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Prices were unchanged throughout the week in all locations. The market tone continued to be steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good as it improved in some locations. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in a full range of adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged while checks and undergrades declined one cent. Demand and offerings were light with most breakers not interested in any additional product. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand for light type hens was fairly good with adequate offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-7 cents, mostly 6.5-7 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to fairly good and reported as slightly improved in scattered locations. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Demand and offerings were light. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, and western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient and demand was reported as light to moderate. Offerings of spent hens were adequate for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, and VT

COMBINED REGIONAL

Feb 25, 2005

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.50	56.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	49.00	46.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	58.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	56.37	54.06	39.91

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN. PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN			
	03-01-05	02-22-05	03-03-04
Large	27-36	27-36	77-84
Medium	14-20	14-20	67-71

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- February 28, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		SO		5-Area
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.0	22.4	9.5	12.3	13.6	71.8	
	Change	-0.8	0.7	0.1	-0.1	1.2	2%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	51.5	15.4	29.8	43.3	169.6	
	Change	-2.0	-2.5	2.2	-1.2	6.9	2%	
Large	Curr Wk	79.5	166.2	91.5	111.4	126.4	575.0	
	Change	2.7	-8.1	26.7	-5.8	-0.1	3%	
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	55.5	17.6	24.7	34.3	143.6	
	Change	-1.9	-16.3	0.3	-3.9	-4.0	-15%	
Small	Curr Wk	2.6	6.9	2.4	7.6	4.5	24.0	
	Change	-10.7	0.6	-0.7	-0.5	0.1	-32%	
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	18.3	7.2	14.2	4.8	50.2	
	Change	-0.7	-2.2	0.0	0.4	-0.6	-6%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.9	60.7	44.6	39.3	34.5	202.0	
	Change	-4.7	0.8	1.3	4.2	2.2	2%	
Total	Curr Wk	165.8	381.5	188.2	239.3	261.4	1236.2	
	Percent Change	-10%	-7%	19%	-3%	2%	-1%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1236.2	-1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	264.6	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1500.8	1%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 26-FEB-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,239,906	30,324	11,917	6,138	2,520	4,320
PW	1,237,180	30,390	11,764	6,064	2,544	4,324
LY	1,203,647	28,684	11,451	6,371	2,852	4,063
% CHG PWK	0	0	1	1	-1	0
% CHG LY	3	6	4	-4	-12	6
2005	9,850,476	235,377	96,433	51,216	23,382	34,667
2004	9,244,644	215,793	90,493	50,404	21,868	32,589
% CHG YTD	7	9	7	2	7	6

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.50	42.47	42.01
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.02	38.97	38.64

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	FEB 19	FEB 26	FEB 19	FEB 26
	Thousand			
AL	30,075	29,756	21,582	21,723
AR	31,217	31,259	*25,110	24,569
DE	3,927	3,929	5,222	5,408
FL	1,359	1,357	1,540	1,437
GA	33,448	33,642	*26,777	27,102
KY	*7,281	7,392	*6,368	6,319
LA	4,044	4,043	3,814	3,746
MD	8,947	8,931	5,514	4,653
MS	19,465	19,277	17,890	17,963
NC	18,651	18,208	14,893	14,567
OK	6,306	6,364	5,065	5,560
PA	*4,143	4,096	*3,036	2,995
SC	5,180	5,279	4,560	4,449
TX	15,202	15,235	12,766	12,712
VA	6,424	6,528	5,220	5,372
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,040	17,904	*16,455	17,109
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19 State Total	*213,709	213,200	*175,812	175,684
Previous Year Total	209,844	210,864	167,390	168,319
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	105	104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 09-Apr-05 is estimated at 161.8 million head. This compares to 161.6 million head the previous week and to 157.6 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.96 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/24/05-03/02/05

CURRENT LDS 93.75 FUTURE LDS 36.25 TOTAL LDS 130.00

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	35.50	32.50	33.94	—	35.00	26.00
GNR BR 1	—	45.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	54.00	55.00	47.56	54.00	6.00
GL W XL	—	46.25	44.81	47.63	41.33	—	33.00
GL W LG	—	46.23	40.00	44.25	40.80	—	14.75
GL W MD	34.00	31.00	27.67	32.00	27.05	29.00	24.50
GL W SM	26.88	29.19	23.13	24.38	24.00	27.00	9.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	27.00	28.00	27.20	29.60	30.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	.50
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.50	14.00	—	—	.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-FEB-2005

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	30.0	24.9	20	7
Boston	3.0	3.3	-9	-6
Chicago	75.1	68.7	9	23
Detroit	25.5	28.9	-12	-43
Kansas City	8.5	8.9	-4	77
Los Angeles	103.9	98.8	5	8
New Orleans	7.3	7.4	-1	-9
New York	32.3	28.4	14	4
St. Louis	14.5	15.9	-9	-9
San Francisco	19.8	19.6	1	2
Total	319.9	304.8	5	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	296.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 26-FEB-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Avg Wt	16.17	38.60	24.76	0.00	30.11
Last week	1,427	2,489	38	7	3,961
Same wk yr ago	1,744	2,466	34	9	4,253
Avg Wt	15.76	36.46	26.75	34.18	27.89
To-date/2005	12,233	20,073	242	32	32,580
To-date/2004	13,468	19,476	280	57	33,281

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 26-FEB-05 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED		AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT	
North East	739	1	23.56	(A)	739	23.56
South Atlantic	587	6	36.07	(A)	587	36.07
North Central	1,877	-2	33.68	(A)	1,877	33.68
South Central	448	-2	22.33	(A)	448	22.33
West	295	-1	23.83	(A)	295	23.83
U.S. total	3,946(B)	0	30.11	0	3,946	30.11
To-date						
2005	32,548(B)			32	32,580	
To-date						
2004	33,224(B)			57	33,281	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week

32,000; for the current year to date 242,000; for last year to date 280,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 26-Feb-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988	551
Avg Wt	5.28	3.30	8.08	5.66	6.82
Last week	156,653	1,277	1,161	2,438	462
Same wk yr ago	152,700	1,139	1,252	2,391	471
Avg Wt	5.17	3.36	8.00	5.79	6.77
To-date/2005	1,250,969	11,268	10,151	21,419	4,052
To-date/2004	1,225,994	10,264	10,231	20,495	3,641

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 158.3 million head, or 5.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Mar-05

	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/05/05	(1) 02/26/05

CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	163,044(2)	159,306
Light hens	1,488	1,519
Heavy hens	1,449	1,364
Total	165,981	162,189

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Mar-05 is 163.0 million head compared to 155.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.4 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Mar-05 the estimated available is 161.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/**FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January	22	151.2	161.5	94%	5.33
	29	159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5	158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12	156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
	19	158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
	26	158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
Year to date		1266.2	1288.4	98%	
March	5		163.0		
	12		161.9		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of

28-FEB-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.14	40 :	68.07	74
Los Angeles	80.00	78.95	61 :	76.29	129
New York	67.00-70.00	69.78	23 :	69.23	49

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	28-FEB-2005	21-FEB-2005	21-FEB-2005	01-MAR-2004
	71.52	.05	71.47	75.52

NUMBER OF LOADS 571

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	02/28/05	3,601	88,108	41,709
AM	02/01/05	3,613	78,113	44,671
CHG		-12	9995	-2962
PCT CHG		0%	13%	-7%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 28-FEB-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.18
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	11.92

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Feb 25, 2005		
Eastern	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-7	6.5-7

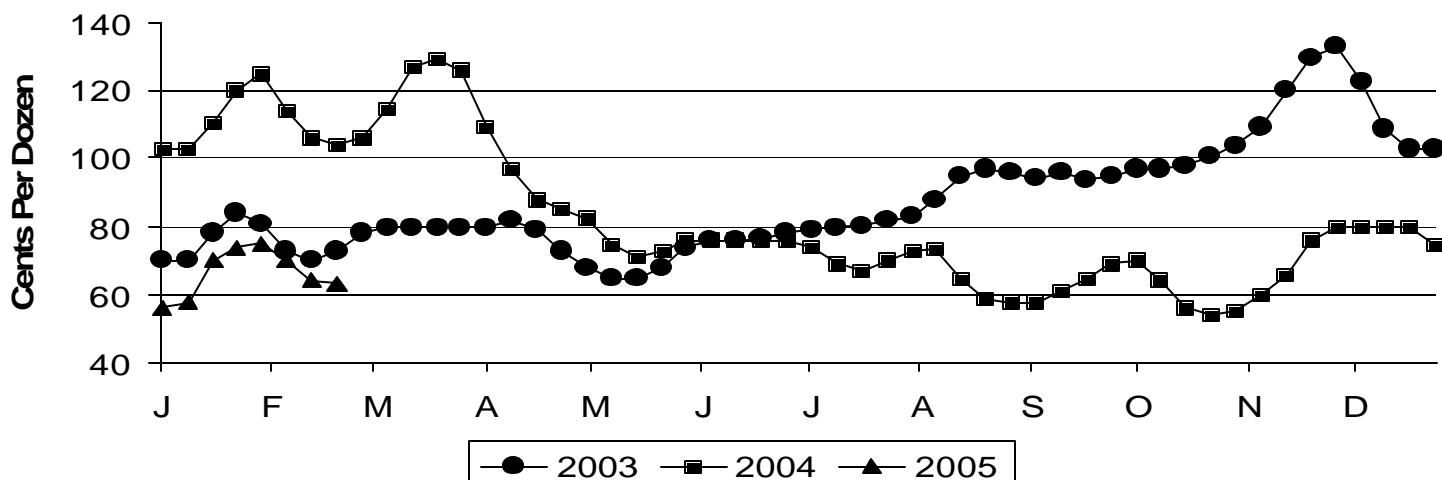
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

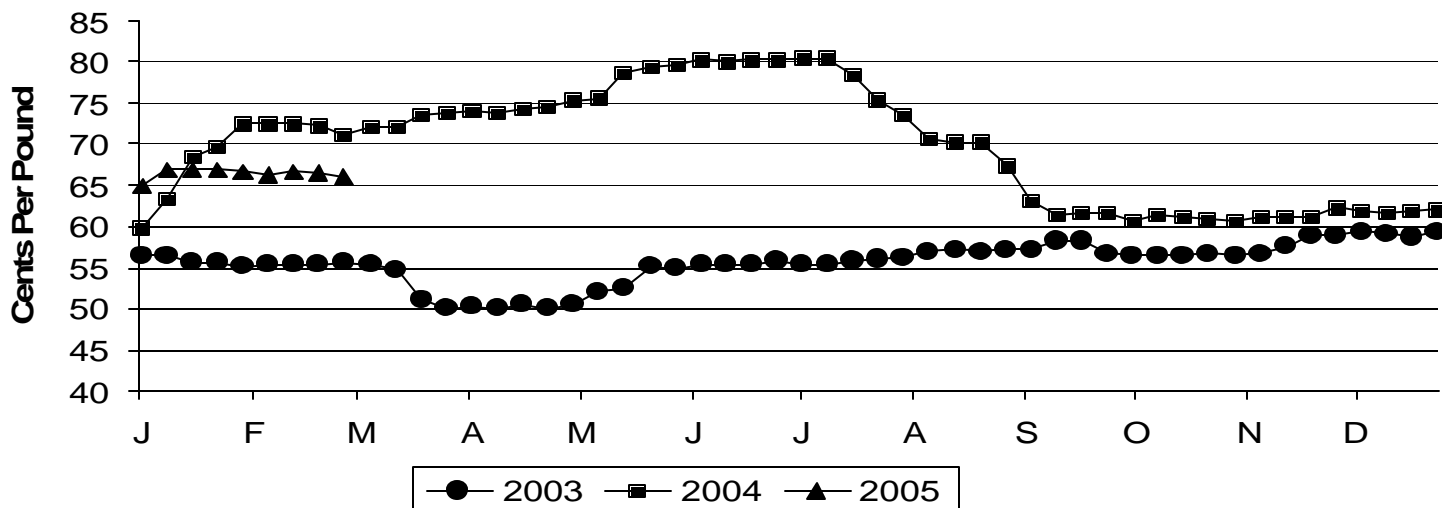
W/E 26-Feb-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	241.5	-1	16
East North Central	624.8	7	-1
West North Central	296.5	5	-5
South Atlantic	212.3	-2	1
South Central	59.2	-12	-4
West	203.2	-3	9
Total	1637.5	2	2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

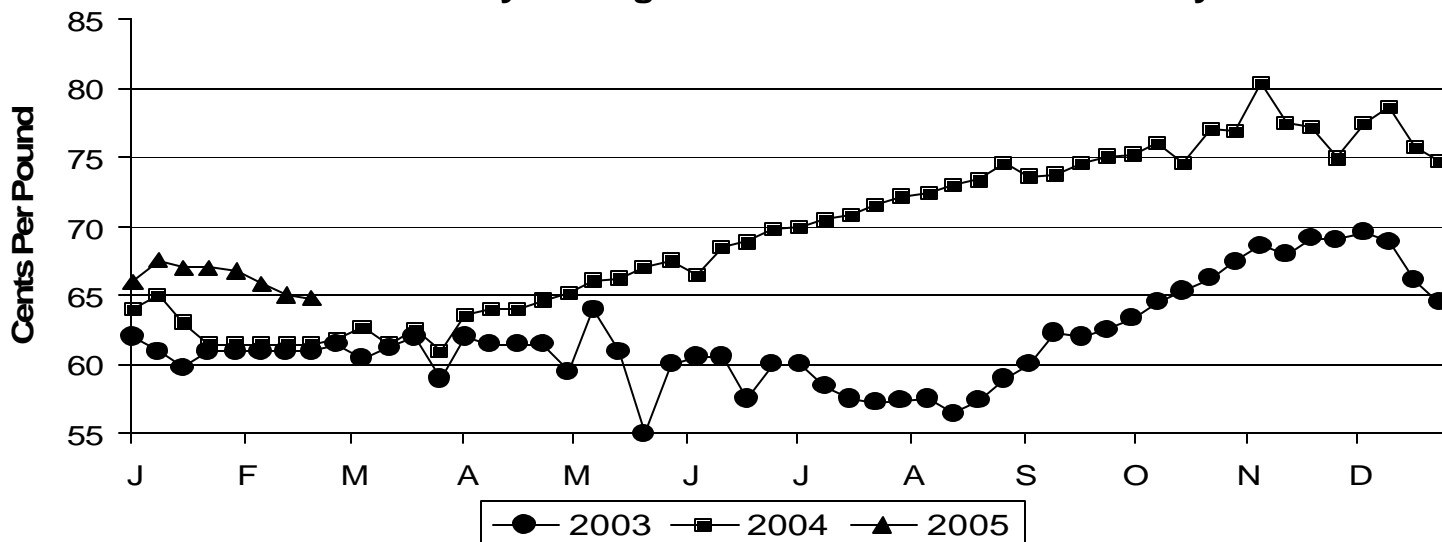
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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